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Tips from the Graduating Class

General Overview

General information:

- Mental Health Facility servicing 12 counties:
 Mental Health & Wellness Services, Addiction Recovery Services
 Crisis Stabilization Services, Department of Justice Services
 Kaleidoscope, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
- 6 Staff Members (Project Director, Program Coordinator, Front Desk/Data Analyst, CPS, Nurse Practitioner, LPN)
- Currently serving about 550 individuals
- IPAT level: Fully Integrated

Primary care provision:

- Type of partnership: Partner with FQHC
- Service provided 4 days/week (3 Dalton, 1 Ellijay)
- Types of services on site (PCP, lab, pharmacy)

Accomplishments

WHAM: Developed WHAM groups with CPS- great response and success

Staffing: Successfully ran on bare minimum staffing

If I Knew Then What I Know Now...

What is one piece of start-up advice you would give to cohort VIII or future grantees? What would you recommend grantees NOT do? What is one recommendation to newer grantees regarding sustainability?

Seek additional funding outside PHBCI funds

Ensure the communication lines between any and all partners are very open

Begin thinking about sustainability NOW

Moving Forward

- What will change about your model/services?
 - Has there or will there be any changes in your partnership arrangement?
 - We are looking to hire onboard APRN
 - Will you expand the population you serve?
 No, we serve most all cases within our organization
 - Are there any services you would add/subtract?
 Yes, smoking cessation
- Describe biggest challenge and efforts to sustain services

Georgia is not a Medicaid expansion state

Payer mix is about 60% uninsured-seeking ways to improve (seek additional funding)